Operate and Transfer) Model of and phase-I stations' proposals are to be implemented in 2008-09 and phase-II stations' proposals are to be implemented in 2009-10. The Integrated Security System consists of the following broad areas:—

- CCTV System.
- Access control.
- Personal and baggage screening system.
- Explosive detection and disposal system.

Cost of the Implementation of the above system will vary from station to station and will be assessed by General Managers as per the requirement of the station concerned.

(d) The following stations of Andra Pradesh have been coverd under Integrated Security System:—

(1) Secundrabad

(2) Hyderabad

(3) Tirupati

(4) Vishakapatnam

The sensitivity and vulnerability of the station, as assessed by the Committee to develop "Composite Security Plan" for Indian Railways, has been taken into consideration for including the station under Integrated Security System.

Sale of Janta food items

139. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has decided to stop the sale of all low cost food items called as Janta food items at all important stations in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Security arrangements at stations

140. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that security measures at the stations and railway premises are insufficient;

(b) if so, the details of the additional measures taken in view of the recent bomb blasts in different places of the country;

(c) whether Government is also aware that security personnel sit idle during their duty hours; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/to be taken to ensure safety of common people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Law and order being a State subject, primary responsibility for security of stations and railways lies with the respective State Governments. Railways on their part have taken various steps to strengthen the security of stations and trains.

(c) Security personnel are being checked by superior and subordinate officers during their duty hours. Strict action is being taken against erring security personnel as per existing rules.

(d) (i) An Integrated Security System is being implemented over all stations (including sub-urban stations) of Metro cities of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai and other vulnerable/sensitive stations of Indian Railways. This system comprises of the following broad areas:—

(a) CCTV System.

(b) Access control.

(c) Personal and baggage screening system.

(d) Explosive detection and disposal system.

(ii) Important trains are escorted by Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police.

(iii) Sniffer dogs are being utilized to detect explosives, in the trains and Railway areas.

(iv) Access control at the stations has been tightened in coordination with Government Railway Police.

(v) Regular announcements over public address system are made for alerting the passengers.

(vi) Surprise checks are conducted by Railway Protection Force Officers in trains and at stations.

(vii) Regular coordination is maintained and intelligence is exchanged among Railway Protection Froce, Government Railway Police, State Police and Intelligence agencies of State and Central Government.

Special trains to Kathgodam

141. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is heavy rush of passengers/tourists to visit Nainital and other hill stations in Kumaon region in Uttarakhand especially during the Puja Season upto the new year;

(b) if so, considering the same whether Government would start Special Trains to Kathgodam during the aforesaid period to tide over the heavy rush of passengers/tourists;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and